

## Ford Field Bound... Maruader Grapple Silva Qualifies for State Finals

by Tom Turek

WHITEHALL -- Wrestling at 113 lbs., Ovid-Elsie's Anthony Silva is headed to the State Finals.

Silva captured victories in two of his first three matches at the MHSAA here February 15, before falling in the consolation finals, 12-5.

Overall, he finished 4th in the Regional -- which punches his ticket to Ford Field in Detroit.

The annual, prestigious MHSAA State Finals are slated for February 28 through March 1 at Ford Field.



Anthony Silva placed 4th at regionals to punch his ticket to Ford Field

## Champions - 4 In A Row!



Photo by Denise Burgess

## Ovid-ELsie Girls Close in on 4th-Straight MMAC Crown

by Tom Turek

BYRON -- Ovid-Elsie's Lady Marauder basketball team poured in 13 shots from long range, and Byron had no answer in MMAC girls cage action here.

Shaun McKinney's Marauders closed in on their 4th-straight Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC) championship with a 73-10 runaway victory. The Marauders stood 18-3 overall, 13-1 in the league following the rout.

Byron fell to 6-13 overall, 2-2 in the circuit.

Tava Kvalevog and Ellyanna Carman paced the blowout for O-E, each with 13 points.

## Bowlers State Finals Bound



Brayden Gruesbeck finished 4th at Regionals and Brooke Pugsley finished 3rd at Regionals on Feb. 20th to move on to the State Finals at JAX60 in Jackson on March 1st.

More sports results on pages 6-7-8

## Ovid-Elsie Area Schools Kick-Off Superintendent Search

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE -- The Ovid-Elsie Area Schools regular meeting held Monday, February 17 was lengthy as officials heard a presentation by Mark Palmer, representative of the Michigan Association of School Boards, regarding the Ovid-Elsie Area Schools superintendent search. The process and timeline were explained in detail.

Mark Palmer presented a detailed outline of the superintendent search process. Officials took formal action to approve the preliminary posting of the position as presented and the recommended timeline. Noting, there will be a stakeholder's meetings: Tuesday, February 25, 2025, 1:45-2:30 pm at the Ovid-Elsie Transportation Building; 3:15-4:00pm OE Information Center; February 26, 2025 3:00-3:45 pm Leonard Elementary School and February 27, 2025, 3:00-3:45pm EE Knight Elementary School. Parents and community members are encouraged to attend and share their input. A survey is available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/oeseach>. The goal is for the new superintendent to assume the position July 1, 2025. Interested candidates should complete and submit an online application found at <https://masb.myrevelus.com/>. The entire posting is available on the Ovid-Elsie website. The hope is that officials will have an opportunity to interview six candidates for the position, all interviews will be open to the public and will follow the open meetings act. Then to narrow the field to two finalists, again open to the public.

Brook Wooley, board president, reported that two board work sessions with Steve Seward Consulting are slated for March 10, 2025, and April 2025.

Amanda Fruchey, Students First, up dated board members regarding turnover in staff over the past few years and the impact on students. First, trust needs to be built between the staff and the board, improving the culture, and changing the focus to work as a team. Remember to focus on "students first." Implementing positive changes as a team like the following programs - highly effective teams; volunteer staff collaborating sharing positive ideas; a focus on attraction and retention of teaching staff. Teachers leaving the profession is happening state wide not just at Ovid-Elsie. In last two years at the leadership level OE has lost two superintendents; the curriculum director, transportation director, a principal, two athletic directors, and a building and grounds director. In the past two months the director of finance, the assistant director of fiancé, and athletic director. In the last two years 23 teachers, 5 retired, the remainder left the district. Statewide teachers, support staff and administrators are leaving the profession. Teachers that are staying have children in the district. Address root causes by working as a team to retain staff. Fruchey brought this as a positive way to keep students first.

Melissa Jones, District Nurse, presented a report on the district's health services. The Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child model, physical, social, and emotional components was reviewed. This is a three-tier system addressing specific student needs. Health students are better learners. The district's chronic health concerns were outlined, and behavior issues were presented and how the district is providing for these students. Health newsletters are provided for families and educational opportunities for students k-12 with a focus on drug prevention and education, developing life long strategies. Care Closet, providing basic needs, established for the middle school and the alternative high school program.

Dan Davenport, co-chair for school safety, reported on a school safety training event. The event held January 29, 2025 that involved the DeWitt Township Police Chief Mahoney, and staff teacher and paramedic Karl Dahlke and additional paramedics. The focus was "stop the bleed" and act of violence training. The goal was to help shift from victim to survival mode. The feedback from staff was very positive. Kits were provided for each classroom. The kits and training were provided by a grant.

Dr. Wayne Petrolje presented the superintendent's report. The business office update was given, Clinton County RESA will continue to provide financial services until June 30, 2025. The district will set up interviews in March for a permanent in-house business manager. Next, a snow day update was presented, to date six days, going on beyond six requires an application for a waiver. Noting that safety is first. Interviews have completed for a curriculum director and a contract will be offered to an individual.

In other action items board officials approved the following retirements effective at the end of the 2024-25 school year: Amanda Herblet a teacher at Leonard Elementary school and Doug Long the physical education teacher at Leonard and EE Knight Elementary schools. Both were accepted with regrets.

Next, members of the Ovid-Elsie Board of Education extended the interim Ovid-Elsie Athletic Director's contract to Shaun McKinney effective January 27, 2025 through June 30, 2025.

To meet the requirements of an individual student's IEP it was requested that a one-on-one paraprofessional position be post and the individual hired the request was approved.

Dan Davenport, IT Director, presented a number of contracts funded by the Education Rate a federal program that provides an affordable rate for districts for approval. The first contract approved was with Spectrum Enterprise in the amount of \$1,699 per month for resilient internet access. With the anticipated discount the cost the district would be \$4,077.60 annually. Next, officials approved the contract with MOSS Telecom in the amount of \$47,005.66 for network electronics, district approximate cost 50% or \$20,580. Finally, the contract with

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## Ashley Country Christmas Holding Casino Bus Trip Fundraiser

submitted by Keith  
Salisbury

The Village of Ashley Country Christmas is holding a bus trip fundraiser to FireKeepers Casino in Battle Creek on Saturday, April 5.

The bus will leave Ashley at noon, and will return around 7:30 p.m. The cost of the trip is \$55, with participants receiving \$20 for free play plus a \$5 promotion.

There will also be raffles on the bus for a 1225 train homemade quilt, two North Pole Express tickets for the 2025 season, and more.

There are only 56 seats available, so call Jane at (517) 281-6456 to reserve a seat. Payment must be received by Monday, March 10. Proceeds from the fundraiser will be used for Ashley Country Christmas activities.

## Elsie Library Adventures

submitted by Ann Trierweiler

After a long break with snow days and Presidents' Day, we're back in business and ready to check out some books!!

This March is Reading Month's theme is: "Well Loved Children's Books". Each Saturday in March, we will be featuring a classic children's book with a craft and game that matches that theme. We are very excited and have spent a lot of time planning things the kids will love! The first week (March 1st) will be Mercer Mayer's "Little Critter", followed by "Paddington the Bear", by Michael Bond (March 8th). The following weeks will be "The Berenstain Bears", by Stan and Jan Berenstain (March 15th), "Snoopy" (March 22nd), by Charles Schultz and finally "Curious George", by H. A. Rey (March 29th). The children will have the opportunity to get a ticket each Saturday by finding the hidden picture of the character of the week to be drawn at the end of the program. The winner will receive a plush of that week's character. Please join us as we are planning for a crowd!!

The Bingo Challenge runs through February 27th. If you're close to finishing your card...read fast! We'll take completed cards on that day.

We always have a jigsaw puzzle going at the library. If the kids need a day out, come in, let them pick some books or play with some of our new toys and parents can help get this puzzle put together. We post the finished puzzles on our Facebook page. They are always beautiful and a fun challenge!

The Elsie Public Library Book Club is reading a book named "Midnight at the Blackbird Café", by Heather Webber. Nestled in the mountain shadows of Alabama lies the little town of Wicklow. It is here that Anna Kate has returned to bury her beloved Granny Zee, owner of the Blackbird Café. It was supposed to be a quick trip to close the café and settle her grandmother's estate but she finds herself inexplicably drawn to the Southern town. There are truths to be found... The book club will meet on March 13th at 6:00 p.m.. The books are available at the library now. Come in and pick one up!!

## Elsie United Methodist Church to Host Movies

by Dawn D. Levey

ELSIE - During the month of February Elsie United Methodist Church will host family movie events on days Ovid-Elsie Area Schools are cancelled due to weather events. Movies will begin at 1:30 pm, popcorn and beverages will be served. Elsie UMC is trying this for one month to see if there is interest. Members encourage participants to put safety first when venturing out.

Elsie United Methodist Church is open to all with services held Sunday's at 9:30 am, 160 W. Main Street, Elsie.

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## Ovid-Elsie Area Schools Board of Education Seeks Input in Superintendent Search

submitted by Crystal Loynes

The Ovid Elsie Area Schools Board of Education is beginning the process of hiring a new superintendent.

The board is soliciting community and staff input on the qualities, experiences, and skills needed in the new superintendent. Residents of the district, all staff and administration are encouraged to participate in the process.

The board is being assisted in its search by the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB), a service organization that supports the work of school boards throughout Michigan. Mark Palmer is facilitating the search on behalf of MASB.

Palmer will be holding meetings in the district to give the community and staff opportunity for input.

Parents and community members are invited to share their perspectives at the following meeting:

Tuesday, February 25, 2025 7:00 PM High School/Middle School Information Center

Input may also be shared via an online survey, which is available at this URL:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/oeseach>

The survey is being administered by the MASB Executive Search team on behalf of the District and takes about ten minutes to complete. Anonymous individual responses will be combined with those from the face to face meetings with stakeholders to provide important community input to the Ovid-Elsie Area Schools Board of Education as it seeks to identify the best candidate for the position.

The new superintendent is expected to assume the position July 1, 2025.

## Portrait Painting II with Philip Ruehle

submitted by Linda Ruehle

The Shiawassee Arts will be offering Portrait Painting II with Philip Ruehle, on Fridays, March 7 - April 11, from 10am -1pm.

Explore the challenging, yet rewarding genre of portrait painting with your choice of oils or acrylics. A special focus will be placed on anatomy, color theory, and various painting methods and techniques. Each class will consist of a demo and one-on-one instruction. The cost is \$175 for a SAC member or \$185 for a guest. An Individual, annual membership is \$40. A Senior membership is \$35. The Arts Center is handicap accessible. Pre-registration and payment is required for all classes. Call the Arts Center at (989) 723-8354 for registration or more information. The Arts Center is located at 206 Curwood Castle Drive, Owosso. A supply list is listed on the website at shiawasseearts.org

## Holy Family's Fish Fry

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Serving starts at 4:30 pm. Hope to see you on the 14th of February and for all the other dinner dates!

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## Ovid-Elsie... continued from front page

Amcomm Incorporated in the amount of \$43,170.10 for self-provisional fiber was approved, expected discount 100% resulting in no cost to the district.

Additional new business items included: approval of the revised 2024-25 budget as recommended by the finance committee. Approval of the purchase of two, 2026 model year IC buses from Midwest Transit for a cost of \$150,881 per bus from the school's capital projects fund. In addition, appointment of Mary Thompson, Sue Kadlek, and Beck Williams to the Board Personnel/Negotiation Committee and approval of the 2025-2026 school calendar that is available on the O-E District website.

Finally, officials approved an amendment to the 2024-2025 calendar. Due to a revision to the School Aid School Finance on July 17, 2024 and SAT Testing for high school juniors a virtual; learning day is scheduled for April 17, 2025 for 9th, 10th and 12th grade students at Ovid-Elsie High School.

Public comment – Dana Blank, high school English teacher, read a letter from a colleague refuting the perception that the high school is a toxic environment to work in. The individual has a positive attitude sharing that it is a team environment and an amazing school district to work in. The letter was written by Mandy Bashore and signed by multiple staff members who see a great future for Ovid-Elsie Area Schools.

Officials took monthly action was taken to approve the meeting agenda and the consent agenda. The agenda included: approval of the minutes of the regular January 20, 2025 meeting and the minutes of the January 27, 2025 Board finance Committee meeting; and approval of the payment of expenditures and the financial reports.

### TOWNSHIP OF SCIOTA Notice of Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing PUBLIC NOTICE

The Sciota Township board will hold an annual meeting for fiscal year 2025-26 at 6:00 pm on Monday, March 10, 2025, at the Sciota Township Hall, 3990 Leland Road, Laingsburg, MI.

A public budget hearing will be held for the 2025-26 proposed township budget following the annual meeting at (or about) 6:30 pm. A copy of the budget can be seen by contacting the clerk.

A public township board meeting will follow the budget hearing at (or about) 7:00 p.m.

The Sciota Township board will provide reasonable accommodations to individuals with disabilities upon a 5-day notice to the clerk by telephoning 517-651-5286, or by emailing, clerk@sciotatownship.net.

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## Moolenaar Office Now Accepting Internship Applications

The office of Congressman John Moolenaar is currently accepting applications for internship positions available in Caledonia, Clare, and Washington, D.C.

The internship program is open to college students and recent graduates who are interested in learning more about our nation's legislative process and the day-to-day operations of a Congressional office. Opportunities are available immediately in Caledonia and Clare, and are available in the spring of 2025 in Washington, D.C.

Internship responsibilities in Caledonia and Clare include helping constituents when they need assistance with federal agencies, attending district events and meetings, answering phones, and monitoring the latest news developments throughout the district.

Intern responsibilities in Washington, D.C. include conducting tours of the U.S. Capitol, researching federal legislation and assisting legislative staff. Interns will also have the opportunity to attend legislative briefings and hearings on Capitol Hill.

Applicants are asked to provide a cover letter, resume, and any specific legislative issues or areas of interest. Applications should be submitted by the close of business on March 7, 2025. College credits are available per school requirements.

For more information and to apply for an internship, visit [www.moolenaar.house.gov/internships](https://www.moolenaar.house.gov/internships).

### VICTOR TOWNSHIP PUBLIC NOTICE Special Meeting of the Victor Township Board February 24, 2025 at 7:00 PM

The Victor Township Board invites the public to attend a special meeting/work session to discuss the funding of the township's Emergency Services on February 24, 2025 at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the Victor Township Hall, 6843 E. Alward Rd., Laingsburg, MI 48848

The Victor Township board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon 5-day notice to the Victor Township board. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Victor Township board by writing or calling the following: 517-651-2094.

\* Meetings may be cancelled, rescheduled, and additional special meetings may be scheduled, as needed, with 24-hour notice as permitted by Section 5(4) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.265(4). Notice complies with MCL 141.436, MCL 211.24, MCL 414.412

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If your child turns 5 after September 1, 2025 but before December 1, 2025, you may sign a waiver so they may attend kindergarten next year.



# Obituaries...cont' on page 5

## James Marcus Dawson Celebration of Life

James Marcus Dawson, age 63 of Owosso passed away Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at Memorial Healthcare.

James was born February 27, 1961 in Lansing, the son of James "Jim" and Eva (Leonard) Dawson.

He graduated from Owosso High School and proudly served in the United States Army.

James was a member of Owosso V.F.W. and was a selfless man who would help anyone in need. His daughters and grandchildren were the light of his life, and truly looked forward to the time spent with each other.

He was owner and operator of Dawson Heating and Cooling and was also employed through the years with Waste Water Treatment Plant in Dewitt and State of Michigan in maintenance.

James is survived by his daughter April (Felicia) Ziehmer; his grandchildren who were his whole life Leo and Charlotte Ziehmer; brother Bill (Kris) Dawson; sisters Stacey Harrington and Vickie Lazaroff; other loving family and friends.

He was predeceased by his parents.

Cremation has taken place and a Celebration of James Life will be held Saturday, March 1, 2025 from 1-5 p.m. at the American Legion Post 57, 201 E. Mason St., Owosso.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the family.



## Gerald "Jerry" Meredith Celebration on Life

Gerald "Jerry" Meredith, born on May 19, 1935, in Ovid, Michigan, passed away peacefully on January 29, 2025, in Largo, Florida.

A Celebration of Gerald's life will be held on Saturday, March 1, 2025 at 11:00 AM at the United Church of Ovid at 131 W Front Street in Ovid, Michigan. The family will receive friends at 10:00 AM. Burial will follow at Maple Grove Cemetery in Ovid, Michigan.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Oakhurst United Methodist Church or the United Church of Ovid.

Attendees of Gerald's services are encouraged to wear green and white or Michigan State University apparel in his honor.



## Ryan Michael Lewis

Ryan Michael Lewis, age 52, of Elsie, MI, passed away on Saturday, February 15, 2025.

Ryan was born in Owosso, MI, on April 10, 1972, the son of Michael Ward and Karen Ann (Hawley) Lewis. Shortly after graduating from Ovid-Elsie High School, with the class of 1990, he enlisted and proudly served his country in the United States Army as a "COMSEC," Communications Security Specialist, which carried over to him operating his own business, Lewis Technical Industries which he operated until his passing.

In 2005, he was a blessed with the birth of his daughter, Rylee. He was so proud of her and her many accomplishments, especially her playing tennis at college level, where she received many academic scholarships, where she is studying Pre-Vet Medical School, at Olivet College.

Ryan had many great childhood memories running the river bottoms with his bow and fishing pole, which ultimately led him and Stacey to start Lewis Lodge in Missouri in 2005, where he pursued his passion in the hunting industry guiding many deer hunters to the trophy of their dreams. Ryan also enjoyed his many hunting trips to Africa, Canada, and all across the U.S. as well as many fishing trips with Rylee, Mike, and many other friends to Florida, Canada, and anywhere else he could wet a line. He also enjoyed spending time at Just in Time Campground, where he would spend time with his family and friends.

He is survived by his daughter Rylee Lewis; Rylee's mother Stacey and Mike Lewis-Pokorny; his sister Leann Lewis; his nephew Colby and Amber Putnam; and his niece Madalyn Putnam and Aric Timm. He is also survived by his bonus parents Ron and Regina Bush; special friends Dan and Wendy Bush; and Dave and Niki Kirby. He was preceded in death by his parents and his grandparents.

Funeral Services will be held at Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, MI, on Sunday, February 23, 2025, at 1:00 P.M. Visitation will be held on Sunday from 11:00 A.M. until the time of the service at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Rylee's Education Fund. Online condolences may be made at [www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com). The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



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Dear Andy, I enjoy your detailed and informative responses in the ask\_andy.com column, and I read it, most every week. I miss your column when it is not in the paper with the other editorial and feature writings, which I also love to read. You're always so serious; can you write about something fun?

Winter Bored

Dear Winter (Bored), Questions and inquiries are mostly serious. I don't get as many as I would like. But, I appreciate your note. Something Fun? Hummm! Ok. Here is a riddle:

You can do it almost anywhere and it doesn't matter what you wear. Today, I am just about done. You can do it for your daughter or your son. It is easy to set up and you can do it sitting or standing up.

You can do it when you are cold. You can do it when you're old. It doesn't take long and while doing it, you can even sing a song. Everyone who notices it, is quite impressed and you can do it when you're depressed. It can make you feel good, both men and women love it and they should.

Your grandma did it most every day, just so grandpa would look sharp when they were on their way. She would set it up in the bedroom or kitchen and sweep around it with her broom. What is it????? Andy. Send me your guesses and any fun ideas for the winter boredom or blues. I will print the answer next week. Good luck with your guesses. [ask\\_andy@aol.com](mailto:ask_andy@aol.com)

P.S. Readers: Have fun in the snow when you're on the go. Or hibernate until Spring... Only 62 more days to go.



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## Obituaries



## Faith Focus

by Phil Hoppersberger  
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### "But What Does It All Mean"

"Time is running backwards and so is the Bride (Bob Dylan, Ring Them Bells)."

What does R.S.V.P. stand for? We all think we know what it means, but most of us can't explain it. We typically see it on a wedding invitation, which I confess has less allure for me as I age. But I do look forward to the wedding toast-speeches. Everyone loves a good story, especially if it's true. Jesus knew that, and so did the great C. S. Lewis.

In Lewis' first "Chronicles of Narnia" book, Aslan, the lion King of Narnia, is murdered by the Witch and then rises again. A shocked Susan Pevensie asks him, "But what does it all mean?" Aslan answers her, and also our ancient question about the meaning of life:

"If she (the Witch) could have looked a little further back, into the stillness and darkness before Time dawned, she would have read there a different incantation. She would have known that when a willing victim who had committed no treachery was killed in a traitor's stead, the Table would crack and Death itself would start working backward."

Imagine God as the Captain on an old ship and He issues a command, "Full Reverse!" The Pilot on the Bridge then throws the lever on the Engine Order Telegraph — that circular device with a lever that rings a bell when pushed or pulled to inform the Engine Room of direction and speed, as we saw in the James Cameron film "Titanic" (1997).

After His resurrection, Time reversed, as Bob Dylan sings in "Ring Them Bells," and so is the Bride of Christ (the Church). The Table of Time cracked, and everything is now Full Atern — back to Eden, back to Paradise, back to our Creator. You don't have to climb the Himalayas to ask a wise man what's the meaning of life. In a word, Easter!

If you still wonder like Susan, then I suggest a wander... through Lewis' Narnia series (a fast 19 hour read). Lewis did a grand job expanding on Aslan's answer in these children stories for adults that reveal the Bible's main message — immortality! Lewis was very adept at it, but the true wedding toast Master, who existed before Time dawned, is Jesus.

My favorite Jesus "toast" is in Luke chapter 15, and it begins with, "A certain man had two sons." It's all about going backward, like a bell's clapper that rings back and forth. Two sons. Two choices. Two directions. Turning around. An eyewitness of the bodily resurrection, John the Apostle, knew firsthand about turning back and what it all means:

"He who has the Son, has the life; he who does not have the Son of God, does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, in order that you may know that you have eternal life (1 John 5:12-13)." In a word, Easter!

That's why the Bible was written, so that you can know for sure you're going to Heaven. It's no mountaintop mystery. God says there are two kinds of people, those who have the Son inside of their body (because they asked Him to come inside, Ephesians 1:13-14), and those who are empty inside and do not have the Son. That brings us back to R.S.V.P.

R.S.V.P. is an old French phrase (Répondez s'il vous plait) initialized into, "Respond if you please." In Matthew 22, Jesus made another toast about a King giving a wedding reception for his son. The invitations went out, but the guests made excuses. I'm too busy, I don't care, and some even got angry. In a word, get lost. Their E.O.T. lever was in neutral, straight up, ignoring the Easter Captain. They had no time for it.

Each wedding has a date, a time limit, except in God's hourglass the sand trickles up, backward. We all think we know...what Easter means, but we don't know, not really, not unless we R.S.V.P. If you do respond, then you truly know (that you have eternal life). Please, say you'll come. That is what it's all about, Susan. Easter is an invitation.



## A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

This has been another busy week. Yesterday would be a good example of how my typical days seem to be filled. I was at MG's Perx & Pastries at six in the morning. Diane made another batch of sausage gravy while the biscuits were in baking. I just putzed around making coffee and getting the grill and such ready for a new day. Yes, I got the coffee ready so that Donny, who is usually our first regular, would get his cup of morning decaffe. Fortunately the deicing pellets had done a good job overnight and the sidewalk was cleared. I opened the curtains, turned on the OPEN sign, open the blinds on the door and Diane put out the flags. I got back to the coffee pots when Donny entered...

Diane and I had been discussing a new recipe that she wanted to try. So of course she made some Pecan Quick rolls and they are quite sumptuous. I had taken the frozen loaf of our bread dough out of the freezer to thaw and bake. I agreed that if it worked out well then we would start making multiple batches and shaping them into loaves so that we could be prepared. There are times when it seems to take forever when making bread and maybe this will smooth out our schedules. Diane could remember my Mom taking out a couple of the frozen loaves out of the freezer the night before to thaw and be ready to bake the next morning. Anyway, I took the experimental loaf out at six, oiled it, and put into a greased bread pan, laid a towel over the top and set it on top of the stove. It thawed and was in the oven to bake by ten. Today I will slice it up to see how it turned out. After Diane left to get some sleep, we weren't busy so I made some coconut cream filled cream puffs. Tammy did the dishes and scrubbed the shelves on the stainless steel tables and swept floors. Margie delivered eggs and butter. My sister came in and chatted a bit and took home one of the cream puffs. And yes, I did eat one, the one that I botched when removing the top for filling and even though I made it, it was fab!!!

After closing the shop I headed over to St Johns to do some banking and to get my "cook & prod" done. I had looked at my calendar for several days until I understood what was going to happen. When the process was finished I felt decadent. The "cook & prod" refers to my appointment to spend thirty minutes in a dry sauna before I get a deep tissue massage. After the bank and before the "prod", I made a quick running stop at Walmart to pick up toilet bowl cleaner and stainless steel scrubbers for the shop. I turned around after paying my bill and found Dorothy in the lane behind me, he was wonderful to see her because she has been on my mind a lot of late. So we got to have a short chit chat and are contemplating playing canasta in the not too distant future.

Back on the road again and headed up to Alma to pick up the trunk full of blankets and afghans that I had won the bid on. Robin's house was hopping with folks picking up their stuff. I was fortunate and after paying for trunk a gentleman went into the house and up the stairs to fetch it for me. I just had to wait outside and figure out how big the trunk would be. It is the size of a foot locker and wasn't too ungainly to lift off the tail gate and onto the steps. Of course it would have been much easier if Thomas Tripper had stayed out of the way... Oh well I did manage to get it into the house without dropping it on that critter. I'm glad that I slid it on the entry rug because Prudence was so happy when I came in because I had been gone the whole day and not just the morning. So she was trying to show undivided devotion by jumping up into my arms. It's good to be loved.

I woke up this morning and was getting ready for work when I realized that I hadn't written a column, so please forgive me for being so lax. May God bless you with new experiences and much laughter.

Crystal Mitchell©2025

## Linda Kay Smith

Linda Kay Smith, 72, a devoted wife, loving mother, and cherished grandmother, passed away peacefully at her home in Laingsburg, Michigan, on February 16, 2025, surrounded by her family.



Linda was born on April 19, 1952, in Saint Johns, Michigan, to Stanley and Martha Argersinger. She graduated from Laingsburg High School with the class of 1970.

On July 31, 1971, she married the love of her life, Thomas Edward Smith.

Linda retired from the Michigan State Postal Service and also worked as a school bus driver for Laingsburg Community Schools.

Linda's strength and resilience truly inspired everyone who knew her. Her unwavering spirit helped her face life's challenges with grace and determination. Linda had an exceptional talent for touching the hearts of those around her, leaving a lasting impression with her kindness and warmth. She was deeply devoted to her family, always making it a priority to attend her grandchildren's sporting events and activities. Additionally, she enjoyed playing cards with family and friends.

Linda is survived by her loving family, including her two sons, Eric (Stephanie) Smith of Saint Johns and Wayne (Stacy) Smith of Laingsburg; her brother, Roger (Jackie) Argersinger; her two sisters, Brenda (Jerry) Chester and Lisa (Jeff) Fiedler; and her brother-in-law, James Doyle, who was married to her late sister, Sheila Doyle. Linda is also survived by her beloved grandchildren, Taylor, Robin, Holly, Kaiden, Aliviya, Chloe, and Bryce, who will always treasure the memories they shared with her and miss her deeply, as well as seven great-grandchildren who, although too young to truly know her, will grow up hearing wonderful stories about her. Additionally, Linda leaves behind many cherished family members and friends, including nephews and nieces.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents, Stanley and Martha Argersinger; her sister, Sheila Doyle; her brother, Robert Argersinger; and her beloved husband, Thomas Smith.

Cremation took place, and a memorial service will be planned for this spring.

In remembrance of Linda's life and love, the family requests that charitable donations be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

### VICTOR TOWNSHIP PUBLIC NOTICE Special Meeting of the Victor Township Board February 24, 2025 at 5:30 PM

The Victor Township Board invites the public to attend a special meeting/work session to discuss the 2025-2026 budget on February 24, 2025 at 5:30 pm. The meeting will be held at the Victor Township Hall, 6843 E. Alward Rd., Laingsburg, MI 48848

The Victor Township board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon 5-day notice to the Victor Township board. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Victor Township board by writing or calling the following: 517-651-2094.

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Sports

2024-25 MHSAA DISTRICT TOURNAMENT NO. 82 held at: New Lothrop High School, 9285 Easton Rd., New Lothrop, MI 48460		
Boys Basketball		
New Lothrop	Ovid-Elsie	
Monday, February 24 5:30 p.m.		
Perry	Wednesday, February 26 5:30 p.m.	
		Friday, February 28 7:00 p.m.
	Laingsburg	
	Wednesday, February 26 7:00 p.m.	
Bath		
Monday, February 24 7:00 p.m.		
Byron		

2024-25 MHSAA DISTRICT TOURNAMENT NO. 112 held at: Vestaburg High School, 7188 B Ave, Vestaburg, MI 48891		
Boys Basketball		
	Fowler	
	Wednesday, February 26 5:30 p.m.	
Vestaburg		
Monday, February 24 5:30 p.m.		
Breckenridge		Friday, February 26 7:00 p.m.
	Fulton	
	Wednesday, February 26 7:00 p.m.	
Portland St. Patrick		
Monday, February 26 7:00 p.m.		
Ashley		

O-E Bowling

*submitted by Matt Fabus*  
Colonial Lanes was the setting for the February 8th conference meet.  
Both teams had bye's and ended up 30-0.  
Girls high games were Victoria Dennis 150; Alexah Heckman 142; Haylee Arnett 133; Brooke Pugsley 177, 126.  
Boys high games were Peyton Holmes 157; Collin Jullie 164, 131; Damion Misener 121; Landyn Adkins 184; Brayden Gruesbeck 218, 213; Devyn Pugsley 139, 213.  
On February 9th, New Lothrop hosted State Singles Tune-up Tournament at Colonial Lanes. 60 boys and 50 girls with a format of bowl 6 games, cut to top 16.  
Brooke Pugsley qualified 10th with a 965, she won the first round 210-161, won second round 235-206 to make the final four but lost 147-213 and received a medal.  
Devyn Pugsley qualified 11th with a 1150, he won the first round 184-144, lost the second round 153-237. Brayden Gruesbeck qualified 4th with a 1261, lost first round 171-213.  
The bowlers were in action on February 15th for the last conference meet at Grand Blanc Lanes.

Unfortunately O-E had only 4 bowlers for both girls and boys, so the 5th bowler gets a big fat 0. This hurts both teams for losing points.  
Both teams lost to Lakeville, girls 3-27 and boys 3-27.  
Scores for bowlers that did show up. Girls Victoria Dennis 122; Alexah Heckman 133; Haylee Arnett 170, 151; Brooke Pugsley 151, 182.  
Boys Joe Zuniga 166, 233; Collin Jullie 137, 162; Brayden Gruesbeck 208, 130; Devyn Pugsley 167, 234.  
Sunday, February 16th the Regional Tune-up was a B's in Flint. The format was two petersons and four bakers to make it to round 2. Girls would take 7th, boys 3rd.  
Second round was two bakers for total pins to move on. Both teams missed out. Girls 209-273 against Lakeville. Boys 308-321 against Atherton.  
Three bowlers would make top 7 for medals. Devyn Pugsley for two peterson games 399 took 2nd; Brayden Gruesbeck 365 for 6th; Brooke Pugsley 308 for 5th.

Four Marauder Swimmers  
Track Personal Best in  
2024-25 Season

*by Tom Turek*  
OVID-ELSIE -- A quartet of Marauder swimmers have achieved personal best times as the 2024-25 tank season draws to a close.  
PRs were recorded by:  
-- David Lohr in the 50 fly (:40.06), an improvement of 5.2% and the 100 fly (1:33.56), an improvement of 1.3%.  
-- Lauren Phillips in the 100 breaststroke (1:57.45), an improvement of 2.9%.  
-- Adalynn Roberts in the 100 breaststroke (1:23.14), an improvement of 10.7%.  
-- Lilliana Kennedy in the 100 backstroke (1:40.49), an improvement of 8.6%.  
Top point scorers for O-E are Audrey Bensinger with 297.70 points, Jolene Hebelor 278.80 and Lilliana Kennedy with 254.30.



Lady Wolfpack Rushes Past Aggies, 54-20

*by Tom Turek*  
DANSVILLE -- Laingsburg's varsity girls basketball team traveled to Dansville for a CMAC matchup February 14 and came away with a 54-20 victory.  
Brooklyn Holm had 21 points 4 rebounds and 5 assists to lead the 'Pack. Payge Woodworth chipped in 8 points and 2 assists. Lilli Mrrill had 7 points with 5 rebounds and 4 steals and Mallory Woodbury had 7 points as well.  
For Dansville, Ryker Graf had 9 points and 11 rebounds.  
It's been a rough winter in Dansville, where the boys team is winless and the girls dropped to 1-13 in the CMAC, 1-16 overall. With the win, the Lady Wolfpack improved to 9-5 in the league, 11-6 overall.  
**Wolfpack girls continue District tuneup with tough win at Potterville**  
POTTERVILLE -- Laingsburg got 22 points from freshman Brooklyn Holm to get a win on the road against the Vikings, 41-

34, here February 17.  
Dan Morrill's Lady Wolfpack continued their tuneup for MHSAA District action at 12-6 overall, 10-5 in Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) play. The Lady Vikings drooped to 2-12 in the league, 2-13 overall.  
Lilli Morrill added 8 points for the Wolfpack. Aubrey Gasch had 14 for Potterville.  
**Wolfpack girls roll to big offensive night at St. Charles**  
ST. CHARLES -- Laingsburg started out with a big offensive first quarter of 22 points to set the stage for a 59-34 victory at St. Charles on February 19.  
Brooklyn Holm had 22 points to lead LHS (13-6, 10-5 CMAC), and Lilli Morrill and Payge Woodworth chipped in 14 and 8 respectively.  
For St. Charles (14-6, 13-2 MSAC), Allison Zelinko had 13.  
Dan Morrill's Lady Wolves wrap up regular season action with three-straight league games opposite Bath, Pewamo-Westphalia and Portland St. Patrick this week.

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# Sports

## Wolfpack Defense Stymies Saranac in 57-30 CMAC Basketball Triumph

by Tom Turek

**SARANAC** -- In a CMAC showdown with Saranac on January 8, Laingsburg escaped with harrowing 50-49 victor.

The second time around, the Wolfpack turned up the defensive heat.

The Redhawks managed just one player in double figures as coach Tim Beebe's Wolves rolled to a 57-30 blowout win.

LHS (11-7 overall, 10-5 CMAC) opened with a 14-7 advantage, then blew the contest open, 33-12, by halftime.

The 'Pack onslaught was led by Mitchell George with 30 points. Dom Garcia hit for 12, Greg Stewart 4, Everett Rodriguez 3, Kollin Bentley-Barr 3, Logan Holm 2, Leandro Dolega-Caceres 2 and Logan West one.

Cody Whipple led the Redhawks (5-11, 7-13) with 11 tallies.

### State-rated Bulldogs continue prep basketball run, 72-48 at LHS

**LAINGSBURG** -- State-rated Mason rolled into LHS and continued their hoped-for state title run.

The Bulldogs' 72-48 non-league victory was their 19th in 20 games. The host Wolfpack dipped to 10-7 with the loss, just their third since a 0-4 start to the 2024-25 campaign.

The Wolves jumped out to an early 16-15 lead, but Mason rallied back to take command, 35-28, by halftime. The Bulldog defense then took over, limiting the red-and-white to just 20 points over the last two quarters.

Four Mason players scored in double figures. Cason Carswell paced the 'Dogs with 20 points, Luke Goss hit for 15, Victor Uchendo 11 and Levi Stambaugh 11.

Mitchell George scored 20 points to again lead LHS. Jake Rivet added 8, Leandro Dolega-Caceres 8, Kollin Bentley-Barr 5, Logan Holm 3, Everett Rodriguez 2 and Waylon Rowley 2 points.

### Wolfpack boys rally past Lansing Christian, 48-44

**LANSING** -- After a sluggish first half, Laingsburg's varsity boys basketball team outscored Lansing Christian 33-18 over the final two quarters to escape with a CMAC win here.

The Wolfpack's 48-44 victory moved coach Tim Beebe's squad to 12-7 overall -- they have just three losses in their last 15 games -- and 11-5 in the Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC). The host Pilgrims fell to 7-13 overall, 4-13 in the league.

LHS All-State candidate Mitchell George ripped of 18 of his game-high 24 points in the second half, leading the Wolfpack rally back from a 26-15 deficit. Dom Garcia chipped in with 9 points, Everett Rodriguez 6, Landon Freeman 5 and Leandro Dolega-Caceres 4 for the victors.

Ethan Damesworth led the Pilgrims with 15 points, and teammate Collin Leavitt tossed in 12.

## Lady Bears Pick up Two Wins

by Ashleigh Shaw

Ashley had a big game against Carson City last week winning 53-22. "We used a strong defensive effort to overcome a slow start offensively and were able to pull away in the third quarter to finish off the win" exclaimed Coach Shaw. Ellie Drummond scored 28 points grabbed 7 rebounds and added 4 steals, Karissa Brady had 17 points and 5 rebounds, Marissa Brady had 5 points, 5 rebounds and 4 assists, Aleena Long added a bucket, and Jazmyne Good made free throw had 12 rebounds and 8 steals.

The Huskies from Breckenridge and the Bears from Ashley battled in a league match up this past Monday. The game was close for the first two quarters before the Huskies pulled away, winning the game 42-29. Elle Drummond paved the way with 11 points 8 rebounds and 3 steals, Karissa Brady added 9 points and 5 rebounds while Marissa Brady scored 9 points and grabbed 8 rebounds.

The team also traveled to the thumb to take on Owendale Gagetown in a nonconference match up, where the Bears dominated winning 49-27. "We overcame a bit of a sluggish start to pull away out of the halftime break, using a strong mix of defense and fast break baskets" said Coach Shaw. Drummond had a double-double with 23 points and 11 rebounds, K. Brady scored 16 points, M. Brady had 6 points and 6 rebounds, while Zoe Schneider and Gracyn McAllister each chipped in a bucket.

## Hemlock Girls Slow Down O-E's Late-Season Momentum, 51-28

by Tom Turek

**OVID-ELSIE** -- The Hemlock Huskies slowed down Ovid-Elsie's push to the post-season, with a 51-28 non-league girls basketball tuneup here February 18.

Shaun McKinney's Marauders had won seven straight games at home, but the Huskies quelled that streakwhile winning their eighth straight on the road. It was the Lady Huskies' 12th win in their last 13 contests.

Alyson Moore scored 9 points to lead the Marauders, and Ashton Ehle pitched in with 5.

The clash between two state-rated teams left both squads 17-3 overall heading into the MHSAA Girls District Basketball tournament.

#4 Dannika Campbell driving to the basket

Photo by Denise Burgess



## IAF Uses Big Early Lead to Down Wolfpack, 63-47

by Tom Turek

**FLINT** -- International Academy of Flint (IAF) jumped out to an early 23-16, then extended it to 44-24 halftime to hand the host Wolfpack a non-league boys basketball loss he February 18.

Things settled down in the second half, but Tim Beebe's Wolves couldn't get past the early deficit. LHS stood 12-8 overall entering the final regular season game at Bath last Thursday.

Sparked by freshman Ka'Shawn Gill's 22 points and a balanced roster that saw 9 players score, IAF won for the 18th time in 21 games with a 63-47 final score.

The visiting Wolfpack was led by 14 points from Mitchell George, Landon Freeman 12, Leandro Dolega-Caceres 10, Dom Garcia 10, Everett Rodriguez 4, Logan Holm 3, Jake Rivet 3, Greg Stewart 2 and Kollin Bentley-Barr one in the warmup for this week's MHSAA District play at New Lothrop HS.

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# Sports

## LakeVille Can’t Keep Up With Marauder Cagers in 86-44 Loss

by Tom Turek

OVID-ELSIE --

Already armed with a big halftime lead, Ovid-Elsie roared to a season-high 46 points in the second half in a 86-44 rout of Otisville-LakeVille.

The big league win secured a 12-3 MMAC record for Canyon Walker’s Marauders, improving to 16-5 overall. The Falcons are going in the other direction at 3-11, 6-14 overall.

Tucker Loynes poured in 21 points and Jayce Herblet hit for 17 to spark O-E’s big offensive showing. Tryce Tokar hit double figures with 15 and Jake Bowen 10. Travis Milner added 6 points, Joe Bancroft 6, Javen Belill 3, Braxton O’Bryant 2, Jackson Custer 2, Joie Fabus 2, Owen Long one and Mike Bancroft one in the blowout.

Following a regular season-ending tussle with 5-15 Byron, the Marauders enter MHSAA District play this week at New Lothrop.



Tucker Loynes goes in for a lay-up against LakeVille, he scored 21 points.

Photo by Denise Burgess

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Clinton County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on MARCH 26, 2025.

Said premises are located in the Township of OLIVE, Clinton County Michigan, and are described as: BEGINNING 1847 FEET SOUTH CENTER OF SECTION 35, TOWN 6 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, OLIVE TOWNSHIP, CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN; THENCE SOUTH 250 FEET; THENCE EAST 326.7 FEET; THENCE NORTH 250 FEET; THENCE WEST 326.7 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. ALSO BEGINNING 2097.00 FEET SOUTH OF THE CENTER OF SECTION 35, TOWN 6 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, OLIVE TOWNSHIP, CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN; THENCE SOUTH 150 FEET; THENCE EAST 326.7 FEET; THENCE NORTH 150 FEET; THENCE WEST 326.7 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.LESS

AND EXCEPTA PARCEL OF LAND IN THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 35, T6N, R2W, OLIVE TOWNSHIP, CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, THE SURVEYED BOUNDARY OF SAID PARCEL DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTH 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 35; THENCE N00 DEGREES 37'23"E ALONG THE NORTH-SOUTH 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION 35 A DISTANCE OF 779.91 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; THENCE CONTINUING N00 DEGREES 37'23"E ALONG SAID NORTH-SOUTH 1/4 LINE 13.33 FEET; THENCE S89 DEGREES 51'23"E PARALLEL WITH THE EAST-WEST 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION 35 A DISTANCE OF 326.70 FEET; THENCE S00 DEGREES 37'23"W PARALLEL WITH SAID NORTH-SOUTH 1/4 LINE 25.87 FEET; THENCE N87 DEGREES 39'28"W 326.84 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; SAID PARCEL CONTAINING 0.14 ACRE MORE OR LESS; INCLUDING 0.01 ACRE MORE OR LESS PRESENTLY IN USE AS PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY; SAID PARCEL SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS IF ANY.SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS, COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESERVATIONS, LEASES AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORDS, ALL LEGAL HIGHWAYS, ALL RIGHTS OF WAY, ALL ZONING, BUILDING AND OTHER LAWS, ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS, ALL RIGHTS OF TENANTS IN POSSESSION, AND ALL REAL ESTATE TAXES AND ASSESSMNTS NOT YET DUE AND PAYABLE 10875 Bond Road, Dewitt, Michigan 48820

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

Dated: February 23, 2025  
File No. 25-001609  
Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC  
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084  
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

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ELBA TOWNSHIP  
GRATIOT COUNTY

Elba Township Board of Review Organization Meeting will be held at the Township office at 109 W. Oak St. in Ashley.  
Tuesday March 4, 2025 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM Organization Meeting

Elba Township Board of Review will be held at the Township office at 109 W. Oak St. in Ashley.  
Monday March 10, 2025 from 1:00 PM. to 5:00 PM.  
6:00 PM. To 9:00 PM.  
Tuesday March 11, 2025 from 9:00 AM. to 12:00 Noon  
1:00 PM. to 4:00 PM.

Email: elbatownsip@elbagratiot.com  
Phone: 989-847-2210  
Assessors Office Hours: Mondays 4:00 to 6:00 PM, Saturdays by appointment.  
Address: Elba Township, PO Box 209, Ashley, Mi. 48806

**SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - CLINTON COUNTY**  
Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier’s check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on March 19, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Paul J. Blankenship, a married man and Diane Blankenship, his wife Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender’s successors and assigns Date of mortgage: March 28, 2005 Recorded on April 13, 2005, in Document No. 5077700, and re-recorded via Affidavit of Correction on May 30, 2012, in Document No. 5185102. Foreclosing Assignee (if any): U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Harborview Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-3, Mortgage Loan Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-3 Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Ninety-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Nine and 53/100 Dollars (\$93,979.53) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Clinton County, and described as: Lot 153, Assessor’s Plat of the City of DeWitt-North, a part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 4, the Northeast 1/4, the Northwest 1/4, the Southeast 1/4 and the Southwest 1/4 of Section 5, the Northeast 1/4 of Section 8, the Northwest 1/4 of Section 8 and the Northwest 1/4 of Section 9, all in Town 5 North, Range 2 West, City of DeWitt, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 8, Page 1-15, of plats, Formerly Known as: The South 43.75 feet of Lots 85, 86, 87, and 88 and the North 41.25 of Lots 129, 130, 131, and 132, all in Block 15 of

the Village (not City) of DeWitt, Clinton County Records. Also that part of the vacated West 33 feet of Market Street, except commencing at the Southwest corner of Block 15, Village of DeWitt (now City), being a Subdivision of part of Section 5 and 8, Town 5 North, Range 2 West, Clinton County, Michigan, thence South 89 degrees 51 minutes 21 seconds East 132.00 feet along the North line of Madison Street to the point of beginning of this description, thence North 00 degrees 37 minutes 00 seconds East 95.30 feet, thence North 88 degrees 47 minutes 25 seconds East (not West) West 166.00 (looks like 165) feet; thence South 00 degrees 37 minutes 00 seconds West 99.20 feet; thence North 89 degrees 51 minutes 21 seconds West 166.00(looks like 165) feet along said North line of Madison Street to the point of beginning. Commonly known as 308 N Franklin St, Dewitt, MI 48820 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Harborview Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-3, Mortgage Loan Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-3 Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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Middlebury Township  
March Board of Review  
Meeting Dates

Will meet on the following dates:  
Organizational Meeting only  
Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 12:00 p.m.  
(Informational only no appeals may be presented)

Appeals will be heard:For the 2025 Assesments  
Tuesday, March 11, 2025  
9:00 am to 3:00 pm  
Wednesday, March 12, 2025  
3:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Appeals may be submitted in writing or email before March 1  
at: mholley4444@gmail.com

Middlebury Township Hall,  
7627 W. M-21. Ovid, MI 48866  
Any questions Ph. 989-834-5611 (Assessor)



Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on March 26, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Kevin E. Pfeifer, married man  
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns  
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC  
Date of Mortgage: July 18, 2014  
Date of Mortgage Recording: July 21, 2014

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$67,406.40

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Ovid, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: The South 100 feet of Block N, Village of Ovid, Township of Ovid, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 21 of Deeds, Page (s) 367, Clinton County Records. Common street address (if any): 319 East St, Ovid, MI 48866-9585  
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.  
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. This notice is from a debt collector.  
Date of notice: February 23, 2025  
Trott Law, P.C.  
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145 Farmington Hills, MI 48334  
(248) 642-2515

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STATE OF MICHIGAN  
PROBATE COURT  
COUNTY OF CLINTON  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
Decedent's Estate

CASE NO: 25-32451

Estate of  
MICHAEL TIMOTHY HACKETT  
Dated of Birth: January 28, 1954  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:  
The decedent,  
MICHAEL TIMOTHY HACKETT  
Died: February 8, 2025  
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Geoffrey Michael Hackett, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 100 East State Street, Suite 4300, St. Johns, MI 48879 and the personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.

Geoffrey Michael Hackett  
7810 W. Price Rd.  
St. Johns, MI 48879  
(517) 507-6049

(02-23)

CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

SHORT FORECLOSURE  
NOTICE - CLINTON COUNTY

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on March 19, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Paul J. Blankenship, a married man and Diane Blankenship, his wife Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns Date of mortgage: March 28, 2005 Recorded on April 13, 2005, in Document No. 5077700, and re-recorded via Affidavit of Correction on May 30, 2012, in Document No. 5185102, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Harborview Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-3, Mortgage Loan Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-3 Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Ninety-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Nine and 53/100 Dollars (\$93,979.53) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Clinton County, and described as: Lot 153, Assessor's Plat of the City of DeWitt-North, a part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 4, the Northeast 1/4, the Northwest 1/4, the Southeast 1/4 and the Southwest 1/4 of Section 5, the Northeast 1/4 of Section 8, the Northwest 1/4 of Section 8 and the Northwest 1/4 of Section 9, all in Town 5 North, Range 2 West, City of DeWitt, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 8, Page 1-15, of plats, Formerly Known as: The South 43.75 feet of Lots 85, 86, 87, and 88 and the North 41.25 of Lots 129, 130, 131, and 132, all in Block 15 of the Village (not City) of DeWitt,

Clinton County Records. Also that part of the vacated West 33 feet of Market Street, except commencing at the Southwest corner of Block 15, Village of DeWitt (now City), being a Subdivision of part of Section 5 and 8, Town 5 North, Range 2 West, Clinton County, Michigan, thence South 89 degrees 51 minutes 21 seconds East 132.00 feet along the North line of Madison Street to the point of beginning of this description, thence North 00 degrees 37 minutes 00 seconds East 95.30 feet, thence North 88 degrees 47 minutes 25 seconds East (not West) West 166.00 (looks like 165) feet; thence South 00 degrees 37 minutes 00 seconds West 99.20 feet; thence North 89 degrees 51 minutes 21 seconds West 166.00(looks like 165) feet along said North line of Madison Street to the point of beginning. Commonly known as 308 N Franklin St, Dewitt, MI 48820 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.  
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Harborview Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-3, Mortgage Loan Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-3 Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on March 26, 2025. The amount due on the Mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by Robert James and Tamara James to Polaris Home Funding Corp dated August 31, 2009 and recorded September 24, 2009 as Instrument No. 5148917, Clinton County, Michigan. Said Mortgage is now held by Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as trustee of Discovery Mortgage Loan Trust by assignment and/or merger. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of \$170,179.10. Said premises are located in Clinton County, Michigan and are described as: Parcel 1: That part of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 27, T7N, R3W, Bengal Township, Clinton County, Michigan described as: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of said Section 27; thence North 00 degrees 41' 49" West along the East line of said Section 1460.12 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing North 00 degrees 41' 49" West 200.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 13' 55" West parallel with the North line of said section 27, 1309.23 feet to the East 1/8 line of said Section 27; thence South 00 degrees 37' 47" East along said East 1/8 line 400.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 13' 55" East 873.86 feet; thence North 00 degrees 41' 49" West 200.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 13' 55" East 435.60 feet to point of beginning. Parcel 2: That part of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 27, Town 7 North, Range 3 West, Bengal Township, Clinton County, Michigan described as: commencing at the East 1/4 corner of said Section 27, thence North 00 degrees 41' 49" West along the East line of said section, 1260.12 feet to the point of beginning, thence continuing North

00 degrees 41' 49" West 200.00; thence South 89 dgrees 13' 55" West parallel with the North line of said Section 27, 435.60 feet; thence South 00 degrees 41' 49" East 200.00 feet; thence North 89 dgrees 13' 55" East 435.60 feet to the point of beginning. Said property is commonly known as 3220 S Lowell Road, St Johns, MI 48879. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Please be advised that any third party purchaser is responsible for preparing and recording the Sheriff's Deed. If this is a residential Mortgage, the following shall apply: ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the Mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU: ARE A DEBTOR IN AN ACTIVE BANKRUPTCY CASE; ARE UNDER THE PROTECTION OF A BANKRUPTCY STAY; OR, HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY AND YOU HAVE NOT REAFFIRMED THE DEBT, THIS NOTICE IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT FROM YOU PERSONALLY. Dated: February 11, 2025 Attorney for the party foreclosing the Mortgage: Thomas E. McDonald (P39312) Brock & Scott, PLLC 5431 Oleander Drive Wilmington, NC 28403 PHONE: (844) 856-6646 File No. 24-04951

(02-16)(03-09)

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Jonathan Wesley, a single man  
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns  
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC  
Date of Mortgage: May 15, 2020  
Date of Mortgage Recording: May 20, 2020

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$146,597.06

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Charter Township of Dewitt, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 272, Clinton Village No. 3, DeWitt Charter Township, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the recorded Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 5, Clinton County Records. Common street address (if any): 15216 Chetwyn Dr, Lansing, MI 48906-1316

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).  
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This notice is from a debt collector.  
Date of notice: February 9, 2025  
Trott Law, P.C.  
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145 Farmington Hills, MI 48334  
(248) 642-2515

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(02-09)(03-02)

Duplain Township  
March Board of Review  
Meeting Dates

Will meet on the following dates:  
Organizational Meeting only  
Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.  
(Informational only no appeals may be presented)

Appeals will be heard: For the 2025 Assessment  
Monday, March 10, 2025  
9:00 am to 3:00 pm  
Thursday, March 13, 2025  
3:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Appeals may be submitted in writing or email before March 1 at: mholley4444@gmail.com

Duplain Township Hall,  
145 E. Main Street, Elsie, MI 48831  
Any questions Ph. 989-834-5611 (Assessor)

City of Ovid  
March Board of Review  
Meeting Dates

Will meet on the following dates:  
Organizational Meeting only  
Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 10:30 p.m.  
(Informational only no appeals may be presented)

Appeals will be heard: For the 2025 Assessments  
Tuesday, March 11, 2025  
3:00 pm to 9:00 pm  
Wednesday, March 12, 2025  
9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Appeals may be submitted in writing or email before March 1 at: mholley4444@gmail.com

Ovid City Hall, 114 E Front Street  
Ovid, MI 48866  
Any questions Ph. 989-834-5611 (Assessor)

Attention Middlebury  
Township Residents

The Middlebury Township Board will hold a Budget Meeting on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 6:45pm.

Jamie Aldrich, Clerk  
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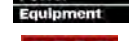


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cature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in CLINTON County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on March 12, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

**MORTGAGE INFORMATION:** Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Maria L. Canales and Ramon Canales III, wife and husband, whose address is 3897 Gorman Drive, Lansing, Michigan 48906, as original Mortgages, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Intervale Mortgage Corporation, being a mortgage dated September 19, 2006, and recorded on September 29, 2006 with Document Number 5106792, Clinton County Records, State of Michigan and then assigned to THE BANK OF NEW YORK MEL-LON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWALT, INC., ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2006-OC10, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-OC10, as assignee as documented by an assignment dated March 6, 2012 and recorded on March 13, 2012 and given document number 5181658 in Clinton County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of TWO HUNDRED TWELVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINE AND 67/100 DOLLARS (\$212,329.67). Said premises are situated in the Township of Dewitt, County of Clinton, State of Michigan, and are described as: Lot 19 of Windy Ridge, part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 30, T5N, R2W, DeWitt Township, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 9 of Plats, Page 51, Clinton County Records. Street Address: 3897 Gorman Drive, Lansing, Michigan 48906 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA § 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCLA § 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY, IF YOUR PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY HAS CON- CLUDED LESS THAN 90 DAYS AGO, OR IF YOU HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY, PLEASE CONTACT THE ATTOR- NEY FOR THE PARTY FORECLOS- ING THE MORTGAGE AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER STATED IN THIS NOTICE. Dated: February 9, 2025 For more information, please contact the attorney for the party fore-

closing: Kenneth J. Johnson (P69564), Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC, 5955 West Main Street, Suite 509, Kalamazoo, MI 49009. Telephone: (312) 541-9710. File No.: MI 25 6268

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**Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement**

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auc- tion sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of hold- ing the circuit court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on March 12, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear owner- ship of the property. A potential pur- chaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this infor- mation:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): William M. Gilpin, a married man and Brenda K. Gilpin, his wife  
Original Mortgagee: Independent Mortgage Co. Central MI  
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Independent Bank  
Date of Mortgage: September 22, 2005  
Date of Mortgage Recording: September 26, 2005  
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$134,547.60

Description of the mortgaged premis- es: Situated in Township of Greenbush, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing at a point on the North line of Section 5, said point being the Northwest corner of the East 60 acres of the Northeast fractional 1/4 of Section 5, and being distant North 89 degrees 47 minutes 10 seconds West 1089.39 feet from the Northeast corner of Section 5, Town 8 North, Range 2 West, Greenbush Township, Clinton County, Michigan, as defined in a survey by LLS 19003, thence South 00 degrees 43 minutes 07 seconds West, along the West line of the East 60 acres, a distance of 165.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 47 minutes 10 seconds West parallel to the North line of Section 5, a distance of 264.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 43 minutes 07 seconds East 165.00 feet to a point on the North line of Section 5; thence South 89 degrees 47 minutes 10 seconds East, along said North line 264.00 feet to the point of beginning.

Common street address (if any): 2205 W Gratiot Rd, Saint Johns, MI 48879 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in ac- cordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agri- cultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property dur- ing the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: February 9, 2025  
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31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145 Farmington Hills, MI 48334 (248) 642-2515

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**NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE**

Notice of foreclosure by advertise- ment. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on March 12, 2025. The amount due on the Mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the prop- erty. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by RONALD G. REAVES AND SUE REAVES A/K/A SUSAN L. REAVES TO FIFTH THIRD BANK (WESTERN MICHIGAN) dated July 12, 2006 and recorded August 9, 2006 as Instrument No. 5104399, Clinton County, Michigan. Said Mortgage is now held by Fifth Third Bank.

National Association by assignment and/or merger. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of \$30,931.70. Said premises are located in Clinton County, Michigan and are described as: A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERTOWN, COUNTY OF CLIN- TON, STATE OF MICHIGAN, AND KNOWN AS: BEING LOT NUMBER 64 IN HAWTHORNE HILLS NO. 1, WATERTOWN TOWNSHIP, CLIN- TON COUNTY, MICHIGAN AS SHOWN IN THE RECORDED PLAT/MAP THEREOF IN LIBER 3 OF PLATS PAGE 4 OF CLINTON COUNTY RECORDS. Permanent Parcel Number: 150-200-000-064-00 Said property is commonly known as 9840 Looking Glass Brook Dr, Grand Ledge, MI 48837. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined aban- doned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemp- tion period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property dur- ing the redemption period. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limit- ed solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Please be advised that any third party purchaser is responsible for preparing and recording the Sheriff's Deed. If this is a residential Mortgage, the fol- lowing shall apply: ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party fore- closing the Mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU: ARE A DEBTOR IN AN ACTIVE BANK- RUPTCY CASE; ARE UNDER THE PROTECTION OF A BANKRUPTCY STAY; OR, HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY AND YOU HAVE NOT REAF- FIRMED THE DEBT, THIS NOTICE IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PUR- POSES ONLY AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT FROM YOU PERSONALLY. Dated: January 27, 2025 Attorney for the party foreclos- ing the Mortgage: Thomas E. McDonald (P39312) Brock & Scott, PLLC 5431 Oleander Drive Wilmington, NC 28403 PHONE: (844) 856-6646 File No. 24-36130

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**SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE**

**- CLINTON COUNTY** Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the fol- lowing mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on March 05, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this infor- mation. **MORTGAGE:** Mortgagor(s): Skyler Leona Castillo and Philip Castillo, wife and husband Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns Date of mortgage: July 15, 2022 Recorded on July 20, 2022, in Document No. 5327329, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Nationstar Mortgage LLC Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Eighty-Six Thousand Eleven and 70/100 Dollars (\$86,011.70) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Clinton County, and described as: The East half of Lot 7, all of Lot 8, and the North 102 feet of the West 15 feet of Lot 9, Block 20, Village of Ovid, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 21 of Plats, Page 367, Clinton County Records. Commonly known as 234 E Clinton St, Ovid, MI 48866 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above refer- enced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the bor- rower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Nationstar Mortgage LLC Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the Circuit Court in Clinton County, start- ing promptly at 10:00 AM, on March 5, 2025. The amount due on the mort- gage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the pur- chaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county reg- ister of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Glenn Finch and Anette Finch, husband and wife  
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns  
Foreclosing Assignee: (if any): PHH Mortgage "corporation, successor by merger to Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC  
Date of Mortgage: OCTOBER 21, 2010  
Date of Mortgage Recording: NOVEMBER 1, 2010  
Amount claimed due on mortgage on the date of notice: \$91,740.89  
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Olive, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: Beginning at the North 1/4 corner of Section 9, Town 6 North, Range 2 West, Olive Township, Clinton County, Michigan, thence South 89 deg 48 min 14 sec West 300.00 feet; thence South 00 deg 11 min 29 sec East, 254.00 feet; thence South 39 deg 37 min 51 sec East, 299.09 feet; thence North 89 deg 48 min 14 sec East, 110.00 feet to a point on the North-South 1/4 line; thence North 00 deg 11 min 29 sec West along the North-South 1/4 line to the point of beginning.Common street address (if any): 1551 W Price Rd, Saint Johns, MI 48879-9273 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16). If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the bor- rower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party fore- closing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: February 2, 2025 Trott Law, P.C. 31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145 Farmington Hills, MI 48334 (248) 642-2515 1551631 (02-02)(02-23)

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# CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

## LEGAL

### Notice of Dissolution

Take notice that Michigan Poly Pipe, Inc., a Michigan corporation, whose address is now 596 Kochville Road, Saginaw, MI 48604 ("Corporation"), has been dissolved pursuant to Section 804 of 1972 PA 284, as amended. This notice is being published pursuant to Section 842a of 1972 PA 284, as amend- ed. Creditors of the Corporation are notified that a claim against the Corporation will be barred unless a proceeding to enforce the claim is commenced within one year after the publication date of this newspaper notice.

Martin G. Lozier (P47775)  
Attorney for Michigan Poly Pipe, Inc.  
404 S. Jackson St.  
Jackson, MI 49201  
517-787-5600



## Duplain Church of Christ Red Cross Blood Drive

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## Ashley Sportsman's Club to Host a Craft Retreat on

by Dawn D Levey

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## Editorial

### The Weekly Sportsman

by **Dan McMaster**  
[theweeklysportsman@meridianweekly.com](mailto:theweeklysportsman@meridianweekly.com)

### Setting the Record Straight

The other day the Weekly Sportsman found himself engaged in a conversation about snipers and their records; who holds the highest confirmed number killed and who holds the longest confirmed kill record. The



Weekly Sportsman is unsure if having either of these records makes one the best sniper of all time. Technology evolves and the tactical use of snipers differs not only within different branches of a military but even between military forces fighting against each other. Further complications include rules of engagement, how selective are targets, and sometimes how motivated the sniper is and whether they are defending their homeland against an occupying force. Most interested in military history or firearms can probably name at least a half dozen snipers with impressive records. This list may include well known individuals like Jack Hinson and Hiram Berdan during the American Civil War, Finnish Simo Hayha during the Winter War, Soviet Vasily Zaytsev during WWII, and of course American's Carlos Hathcock during Viet Nam and Chris Kyle during the Iraq War. At the end of the day when it is all said and done, only one sniper can have the longest confirmed kill record and it is probably set using additional tools like high end scopes and rangefinders.

During the recent wars in Iraq and Afghanistan a lot of records were set by Americans, Canadians, Australians, and the British, however, all distance records were smashed by a Ukrainian 58 year old former businessman on November 18th, 2023. Vyacheslav Kovalskiy was never a professional soldier but enlisted during the invasion to show Russians what Ukrainians were capable of doing to defend their country. Although Kovalskiy had won some civilian shooting competitions earlier in life this kind of shooting obviously is more stressful as your targets or their comrades sometimes will shoot back. Kovalskiy spotted some Russian soldiers chopping wood but waited until a higher value target appeared. After many hours of waiting eventually an officer showed up and started giving orders. Using special software he calculated the exact distance, direction and speed of wind, temperature, humidity, and the curvature of the earth. After firing a test shot, he and the spotter recalculated the wind speed and fired again and within nine seconds the bullet traveled 12,468 feet (3800 meters or 2.3 miles) and struck the target. The round was a 12.7x114mmHL which is a 50 caliber bullet 6.2 inches long with a necked down shell normally used for 54 caliber bullets. The muzzle velocity of this bullet is 3,280 feet per second and the rifle used was a MCR Horizon's Lord made in Kiev. This modular system rifle weighs 34 pounds and is almost 72 inches in length.

Hard to believe hitting a target at that distance but that is the new longest confirmed kill record. -WS

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